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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged 6° to 8° below normal during the week. Afternoon temperatures reached 90° in the west only on Wednesday afternoon. Rainfall was heavy over most of the central and eastern portions of the State and light to none in the west. Most of it fell during the middle and latter parts of the week in the east and the latter portion in the central. There was about the normal amount of sunshine, high humidity, and little wind.

CROPS Wheat harvest was further delayed by wet weather and high humidity, especially in the eastern districts of the state. Nevertheless, another 15 percent of the acreage was cut, bringing the acreage harvested to a little over 70 percent of the total for the state. Progress was fairly good in the southwest and Panhandle counties, considering the interruptions from rains, but activity in some south eastern counties was nearly at a standstill. Wheat harvest is running a week to 10 days later than usual. Heavy rains in eastern counties further beat down and flattened remaining stands of wheat bringing further yield and quality losses. Test weights were running lower for the late harvested fields than for those cut before wet weather started.

Oats harvest was also held up by wet field conditions but around 20 percent of the crop was harvested last week. The total cut so far amounts to about 45 percent of the acreage. In spite of the late start, slow early development, and harvesting difficulties, oats yields are turning out surprisingly good.

Corn and sorghums made good progress again last week. Some sections report that growth has been held back by cool temperatures, but conditions showed a gain for the week as a whole. More than a third of the crop has tasselled and about 5 percent was in the silking stage. With the pressure of small grain harvest and only a few days of clear weather, farmers have been hard pressed to cultivate corn and sorghums.

About half of the second cutting of alfalfa is finished. Wild hay harvest has been delayed by frequent rains. Pastures and ranges have a lush growth and heavy cover of feed throughout most of the state.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good to excellent condition, continuing to make satisfactory gains on the abundant pasture and range feed available this summer. Marketings of grass cattle is seasonally light, but a fairly good supply of fed cattle have been moving and hog marketings from the spring pig crop are starting.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 1958

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.50	Burwell	1.43	Chadron	0
Lincoln	1.65	North Platte	.15	Imperial	.10
Norfolk	1.13	Valentine	2.20	Scottsbluff	.25
Omaha	.72			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	.61				

Precipitation, April 1 - July 25, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	Cen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.45	2.12	.79	2.09	1.93	1.34	.81	1.98
Total Since April 1	12.13	13.26	11.33	15.54	15.38	13.58	12.33	18.60
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	9.27	10.63	12.37	11.70	12.86	10.04	11.87	13.90

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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

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